

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/501,984  
Applicant : SCHaub et al  
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Examiner : Barbara Frazier

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Customer No. : 6449  
Confirmation No.: 3383

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2008, please consider the amendments and remarks contained on the following pages. Applicants submit that this response is being timely filed before the January 9, 2009 due date.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.